BILL TO AMEND THE TOWNS CONSERVANCY AND IMPROVEMENT REGULATION, II OF 1069.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—I beg to propose the amendments of which I have given notice:—

(1) In section 1, clause (2), line 5, for 'Government' substitute 'Dewan with Our sanction.'

(2) In section 4, clause (1), line 1, for 'Government' substitute 'Dewan'; insert after 'may' the words 'with Our sanction'; in line 3, for 'its' substitute 'Our'; in clause (3), line 5, for 'Government' substitute 'Dewan' and insert after 'may' the words 'with Our sanction.'

(3) In section 5 clause (1) line 1, for 'Government' substitute 'Dewan'; insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may'; substitute 'Our' for 'its' in line 3; in clause (2), line 9, for 'him' substitute 'the Dewan'; and in clause (3), line 5, for 'Government' substitute 'Dewan' and insert after 'may' the words 'with Our sanction.'

(4) In section 6 line 5, substitute 'We' for 'Our Government' and recast the proviso as follows: 'Not more than one-half of the members may be officials in Our service. An appointment of an official which would raise the number of official members above one-half of the whole shall be void. A member who accepts an appointment in Our service shall thereby vacate his seat but shall be eligible for re-appointment unless such re-appointment increase the number of official members above one-half of the whole.'

(5) In section 7 clause (1) line 2, substitute 'Us' for 'Our Government'; in clause (2), substitute 'Us' for 'Our Government' in lines 4, 5, 15 and 25, 'We' for 'Our Government' in line 23, and 'We' for 'they' in line 26; and recast the first proviso as follows: 'Provided that the tax-payers and inhabitants of a Town may under rules which may be issued with Our sanction, from time to time, elect for Our approval a number of members which number shall not be less than one-fourth of the whole.'

(6) In section 8 clause (1) (*e*) line 3, substitute 'Our' for 'the' and omit the words 'of Our Government' in line 4.

(7) In section 9 clause (1) line 6, substitute 'We' for 'Our Government.'

(8) In section 10, line 4, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and insert the words 'by Us' after 'accepted' in line 5.

(9) In section 11 clause (1) line 1, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and insert between 'may' and 'remove' the words 'with Our sanction'; in clause (*a*) line 2, substitute 'Our' for 'the' and omit the words 'of Our Government'; in clause (*d*) line 2, substitute 'Our' for 'the' and omit the words 'of Our Government'; in clause (*e*) line 3, substitute 'Our' for 'the' and omit the words 'of Our Government'; and recast clause (2) as follows:—'A President or member removed under sub-section (1) may be re-appointed.'

(10) In section 17, clause (1), line 14, substitute 'Us' for 'Our Government'; in clause (2) line 3, substitute 'Our' for 'the'; and omit the words 'of Our Government' in line 4.

(11) In section 18 clause (*a*) line 2, for 'Government' substitute 'Dewan'; in clause (*d*) line 5, for 'Government' substitute 'Our Dewan'; in clause (*e*) line 3, for 'Government' substitute 'Our Dewan' and omit the words 'for their approval'.

(12) In section 19 clause (1) line 18, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'; in line 20, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and in line 21, substitute 'he' for 'they'.

(13) In section 20 clause (2), for 'Government' in lines 3 and 5, substitute 'Dewan'; in line 6, substitute 'he' for 'they' and insert the word 'may' before 'deem'.

(14) In section 21 line 1, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may'.

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(15) In section 22 line 1, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'; insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may'; and in line 13, substitute 'his' for 'their'.

(16) In the separate section after section 22, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'; insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may'; substitute 'his' for 'their'; and insert the words 'with the like sanction' between 'may' and 'direct'.

(17) In section 23 line 2, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'; in line 6, substitute 'he' for 'Our Government'; insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may'; in line 10, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may'.

(18) In section 24 line 1, substitute 'Our' for 'the' and omit the words 'of Our Government' after 'sanction'.

(19) In section 25 line 4, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and in line 7, substitute 'Dewan with Our sanction' for 'Government'.

(20) In section 26 line 10, for 'of Our Government' substitute 'passed by Our Dewan with Our sanction'; and in line 16, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'.

(21) In section 27 line 5, for 'Government' substitute 'Dewan with Our sanction'.

(22) In section 28 line 5, for 'Government' substitute 'Dewan with Our sanction', and in line 15, 'Us' for 'Our Government'.

(23) In section 29 clause (1) line 2, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and insert after 'may' the words 'with Our sanction'.

(24) In section 33 clause (1) line 7, substitute 'Our Dewan' for 'Government'.

(25) In section 34 line 1, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'; insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may'; in line 7 substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'; and insert the words 'with the like sanction' between 'also' and 'withdraw' in line 8.

(26) In section 35 clause (2) line 11, for 'Government' substitute 'Our Dewan'; in clause (8) line 4, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may' in line 5.

(27) In section 48, proviso, line 7, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'; and for the words 'orders of Government are received' substitute 'application is granted or rejected'.

(28) In section 57, clause (2) line 2, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'.

(29) In section 64 line 3, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'.

(30) In section 68 clause (1) line 3, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'.

(31) In section 69 clause (1) line 3, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'.

(32) In section 76 line 1, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'.

(33) In section 80 line 2, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'.

(34) In section 82 line 2, substitute 'Us' for 'Our Government'; in proviso (1), for the words 'contributed by Our Government to the said fund' substitute 'so allotted'; insert the words 'by Us' after 'sanctioned' in line 3; and in proviso (2), omit the words 'Our Government shall contribute' in lines 3 and 4; substitute 'the' for 'a' before 'sum,' omit 'not' between 'sum' and 'less' and insert the words 'contributed by Us shall not be' before 'less' in line 4.

(35) In section 83 line 3, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and omit the words 'for the sanction of Our Government'.

(36) In section 84 line 1, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'; in line 2, substitute 'he may' for 'they'; in line 3, 'with Our sanction pass' for 'sanction' and 'so passed' for 'as sanctioned by Our Government' in lines 6, 7, and 8.

(37) In section 85 line 2, substitute 'Our' for 'the'; in line 3, omit the words 'of Our Government'; in line 6, substitute 'Us' for 'Our Government'; and in clause (4) Exemption (ii) line 6, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'.

(38) In section 86 line 2, substitute 'Our' for 'the' and in line 3, omit the words 'of Our Government'.

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(39) In section 87 line 2, for 'Government' substitute 'Dewan with Our sanction'.

(40) In section 88 clause (4) line 6, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'; in clause (5), substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'; insert the words 'with Our approval' after 'may'; and in clause (6) omit the words 'by Our Government'.

(41) In section 89 line 4, for 'Government' substitute 'Dewan with Our sanction'.

(42) In section 90, substitute 'Dewan with Our sanction' for 'Government' in lines 4 and 5.

(43) In section 91 line 2, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'; in line 9, substitute 'he' for 'Our Government'; insert the words 'with Our sanction' between 'may' and 'by'; in clause (2), substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and insert the words 'with the like sanction' after 'may'.

(44) In section 94 line 3, for 'Government' substitute 'Dewan with Our sanction'.

(45) In section 95 line 1, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may'.

(46) In section 97 line 10, substitute 'Us' for 'Our Government'.

(47) In section 107, insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may' and substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government'.

(48) In section 108, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' in line 6 of clause (1) and line 2 of clause (2).

(49) In section 118 line 4, substitute 'Our Dewan' for 'Government'.

(50) In section 119, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' in line 1 of clause (1); insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may'; and in line 7 of clause (3), substitute 'Dewan with Our sanction' for 'Government.'

(51) In section 122, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government.'

(52) In section 123, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may.'

(53) In section 124, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government.'

(54) In section 126, line 1, substitute 'Dewan' for 'Government' and insert the words 'with Our sanction' after 'may.'

The object of all these amendments is the same, namely, to make the wording more precise.

The amendments were all seconded by Mr. Prince and carried.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—I beg to propose that in section 37 para 2, section 52 clause (5) and section 81, where provision is made for what may be called continuing punishment, the precise wording of section 53 clause (2) be substituted, namely, 'if the offence is continued after conviction, with a further fine not exceeding..... rupees, on a separate charge, for every day of such continuance.' The latter wording was adopted on the suggestion of the High Court and it was a mere omission that the same was not put in, in the other sections mentioned.

Seconded by Mr. Kunhiraman Nair.

Carried.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—I beg to propose that the explanation to section 53 be omitted there and the same transferred to section 81. The explanation is general, and the object of the amendment is to make it applicable to all sections of a similar nature.

Seconded by Mr. Kunhiraman Nair.

Carried.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—I beg to propose that the separate section after section 22 be numbered as section 23 and that the numbers of the subsequent sections and those referred to in the body of the sections be altered in accordance therewith.

Seconded by Mr. Prince.

Carried.

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Mr. Thanu Pillai.—I beg to move that the Bill as amended be passed and that it come into force on the 1st Chingom 1077.

Seconded by Mr. Kochukrishna Marar.

The motion was put and agreed to.

TOBACCO REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—In regard to this Bill, I have only a formal proposition to make. It has been already considered by the Council and awaits final passing. I beg, therefore, to propose that it be passed. It will take effect, under the General Clauses Regulation, from the date of publication in the Gazette.

Seconded by Mr. Sivasubramonia Pillai.

The motion was put and agreed to.

HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS BILL.

Mr. Nagam Aiya.—The third stage, Sir, of my Bill having been now reached, I will, with your permission, make a few observations before asking the Council to affirm its principle. It will not be denied that the public have had the fullest notice of the Bill and have had the amplest opportunities of understanding its scope and provisions. Local opinion has been sought on the measure to the fullest extent possible, and those who have not favored us with their views until now, are not likely to do so under any circumstances; and with your permission, Sir, the opinions of eminent authorities outside Travancore were also sought and secured, and I take this opportunity of thanking those gentlemen who, although outside the sphere of our influence and totally unconnected with our labors, have yet sacrificed time and trouble in our behalf and in what they consider the cause of sound and beneficial legislation in Travancore. The opinions so collected are extremely encouraging, and, so far as the principle of the Bill is concerned, may be said to be practically unanimous. These opinions will be briefly referred to.

I will first deal with the vernacular opinions or those submitted in Malayalam, the English language being entirely unknown to the signatories There are 39 such papers in all (opinions and petitions included) received on the Bill after it was introduced into the Council 7 months ago. Of these 39 papers, 31 are in favor and the remaining 8 may be said to oppose it. The letter of the Edappalli Chief which is included in the above 39, merely prays that the temples in his Yedavagai or estate may not be brought under the Bill. Two petitions, included in the above said 39 papers, pray for more time being given for consideration of the Bill. Of the 8 dissentients, 4 are petitions from Malayala Brahmin jenmis, 1 is from the Ambalavasis of Thazhakkara in Mavelikara, 2 are opinions of individual jenmis and 1 is from a Nair Vakil of the High Court who at first seemed to be very much taken up with the intended legislation, but who has, under wiser counsels perhaps, since recanted. Excluding this *Judas Iscariot* from our consideration, there are 7 papers which I have carefully scrutinised. The Council will not expect these innocent Namboories to draw a fine line of distinction between the principle of a Bill and its provisions. That is a distinction known only to the learned few.

One of these 7 papers said to proceed from a Nambooripad says, that as Government already possesses the power to assume any Hindu Religious or Charitable Endowment, no special law is needed; that if Government takes power under the law to assume any Hindu endowment, they should similarly take power to assume other non-Hindu endowments as well; that the *acharoms* of the people as a whole require modification and improvement in several particulars; and that the condition of some mis-managed endowments will not justify Government to take power to assume any endowment.

Another paper proceeding from a Potti of Vembayom urges that many temples assumed by Government since 980 M. E. are not themselves well-managed; that the Bill contemplates only the protection of temples now being well-managed; that the present non-Sircar temples, having been declared independent of Government when the other temples were taken, should be allowed to continue as such;

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